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From the Private Secretary

21 June, 1984

1982 RISK SHARING REFUND

The Prime Minister has considered the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute PM/84/102 of 19 June on this subject.

The Prime Minister made clear at today's briefing meeting for the European Council that she regards the outstanding £42 million of our 1982 risk sharing refund as one of the issues on the table in the negotiations on our budget contribution which will take place at Fontainebleau. We shall need to consider again after Fontainebleau what further action is required. But the Prime Minister has made clear that in the absence of a settlement should would wish to pursue our claim in one way or another.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries of the members of OD(E), to Richard Stoate (Lord Chancellor's Office), Henry Steel (Attorney General and Solicitor General's Office), Christine Duncan (Lord Advocate's Department) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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